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## Inside the Kaimin

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Lions and tigers and  
scientologists oh my!

## On Campus Today

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Volunteer Fair, UC Atrium
  - 5 p.m. Artist Lecture and reception, Social Science 356
  - 7 p.m. Wilderness Issues Lecture Series, Urey Hall
- Courtesy of UM Events Calendar

## Forecast

**High 46F**  
**Low 28F**



## Mitt Romney still controls MT delegates

**Trevon Milliard**  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The fate of Montana's 25 votes for the Republican nomination remains uncertain even though Mitt Romney won the state in Tuesday's caucus.

Romney suspended his national presidential campaign two days after Super Tuesday, the busiest primary and caucus day of the campaign. but he hasn't given up his delegates yet. All 25 Montana Republican delegates are required to vote for Romney in the first vote at September's Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. But after the first vote, the delegates can vote for whomever they please. Ultimately, Montana's delegates will be decided at a convention in June.

Only two things can release these delegates from their obligation to Romney at St. Paul's convention: Romney must completely withdraw as a candidate, or Romney can officially release the delegates to vote for the candidate of their choosing.

Romney suspended his campaign because he wants to prevent turmoil in the GOP, said Romney's Montana campaign manager, Chuck Denowh.

An internal division has split the Republican Party between McCain and Romney, he said.

"This makes it very difficult for him (Romney) to get the nomination," Denowh said.

If Romney does release Montana's delegates, all 25 should vote to nominate Ron Paul, said Ellen Finnegan, an organizer for the Missoula Ron Paul 2008 Meetup Group.

In the caucus, Paul won Missoula County and placed second in state with 25 percent of the vote to Romney's 38. John McCain won 22 percent and Mike Huckabee won 15 percent.

In 2007, Ron Paul also raised almost \$89,000 in Montana, more than any other candidate, Republican or Democrat, according to the Federal Election Commission. Romney received less than half that, \$41,500 in contributions from Montanans.

"If the people of Montana have any say, Ron Paul should get the delegates," Finnegan said.

Missoula's Ron Paul Meetup Group includes about 100 members, and they still support their candidate even though a nomination is far out of reach, said member Tim Danyo. Paul only has 16 delegates of the required 1,191 for nomination. Even so, Danyo says he believes Paul will stay in

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## Back down to Earth



Alex Tenenbaum/Montana Kaimin

Climbers gather for prizes Sunday after the Sixth Annual UM Climbing Competition at the Fitness and Recreation Center. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 40 competitors scaled the walls and cheered each other on.

## Climbers descend on UM competition

**Alex Tenenbaum**  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Just minutes remained in the Sixth Annual UM Climbing Competition Sunday. Defending champion Levi Parchen battled John Fulton and Molly Kohler on a fiendishly overhanging boulder problem. The crux came at the end, requiring climbers to traverse three smooth, sloping handholds that ran across the top of the entrance arch.

Parchen tried to swing himself across on whatever friction he could garner between his failing fingers and the glassy holds. Fulton attempted to sling his right heel up over his head and onto the same glassy holds, hanging nearly upside-down while trying to move ever onward. Kohler just gritted her teeth and fought to hold on.

When time ran out at 2 p.m., the blue-taped boulder problem starting on the left side of the cave, had thrown every climber who dared try it flailing to the floor.

Before the competition started, Parchen, a senior in exercise science, talked about the problems and routes.

"It doesn't look too bad today," he said. "I'm overly optimistic, though."

While Parchen didn't complete the final boulder, neither did anyone else. His optimism wasn't misplaced, as he ended up taking first in the men's advanced category, winning a brand new climbing rope. It was his third win in four years.

He said he'll be back next year to defend his title while he finishes up his degree.

"Of course. I only have one

more year to compete," Parchen said.

Fulton ended up taking third. "I felt like I climbed well, and I had fun. That's the most important thing," he said.

Kohler, a part-time student and middle-school Spanish teacher, took first place in the women's advanced category, winning a gift certificate for a new pair of climbing shoes.

"I had some problems I was hoping to get that I didn't get, but I had fun anyway. It was just really good energy in here," she said.

Winners were decided based on a point system.

Judges awarded climbers a set number of points for each route or bouldering problem they completed without falling or going off route. The harder the problem or route, the higher the point value.

The holds for each problem and route were marked with a specific color of tape, and going off-route meant touching a hold of a different color.

Climbers could attempt routes and problems as many times as they liked, but only their five highest scores counted toward their total. Two of the five scores had to be from longer roped routes, and two had to be from boulder problems. Competitors could choose either for their fifth score.

Bouldering was a new addition to this year's climbing competition. Characterized by climbing relatively short walls or boulders without a rope, bouldering was once seen as a mere training exercise for climbing. In recent years, though, it has become a popular sport of its own.

**See CLIMBING page 7**

## COT to offer college prep classes for veterans

**Mike Gerrity**  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Starting Feb. 20 the University of Montana College of Technology will be offering free college prep courses to U.S. veterans.

The courses are derived from a program at MSU Billings provided through the Montana Veterans' Upward Bound program, and are funded through a federal grant by the U.S. Department of Education.

UM COT coordinator Diana Reetz-Stacey said that the program can be beneficial to veterans as a means of getting them back into the frame of mind of the academic world.

"It can really help students who have been away from the academic world for a while," Reetz-Stacey said.

There will be classes in upper writing proficiency and basic computer skills available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Tuesdays and Thursdays will center on math studies. The courses cover other aspects of college preparation as well.

"We usually do math and computer skills and writing, and sometimes study skills and other things," Reetz-Stacey said.

Reetz-Stacey said that the course programs they put on usually see a full range of veterans of different ages and experiences.

"We have younger veterans coming back from Iraq, and we

also have some older veterans who are using it as an opportunity to learn how to use a computer and become more literate," Reetz-Stacey said. "It could be somebody in their 20s. It could be somebody in their 40s. It could be people in retirement."

Students can find out how to enroll and get more information by visiting [www.vubmt.com](http://www.vubmt.com) or calling

1-877-356-VETS.



## EDITORIAL

## Requiring civil service would benefit everyone

Charity and volunteerism are meant to be a key part of life in our sometimes zealous, and always capitalistic, democratic republic. But not many young people really do it. With college expensive, wages low and thousands of Facebook applications at our fingertips, who has time anyway?

A recent study by the National Center for Education Statistics showed the average cost of a public school student between 2003 and 2004 was just under \$9,000 per year. With around 55 million students in primary and secondary schools, one can see how much of an investment America is making on its youth. So for all its labor what does it get in return?

A pack of selfish young people.

It's not totally our fault, but in the end most of us just use all the information we learn on the taxpayers' dollar to take care of number one. It's human nature, and our country's economic system doesn't lend to lots of financial freedom for its youth. But also, the United States has become an iCountry, our wealth and fierce pursuit of individuality seem to give us the license to simply forget about the people that have given us our most valuable asset: our knowledge.

There is a solution for many problems plaguing the college years of our country's youth: Make a year of civil service mandatory for all students who want to enter public universities, and couple it with a lot more financial support while in school.

The year could be spent with the armed forces, a national or local service organization or something like the Peace Corps. In a country spawning a self-absorbed youth culture, volunteerism would instill some of the discipline that our families and schools haven't managed to do.

A service year could expose students to their interests before shelling out thousands of dollars to learn about something they often have little experience with. A person interested in biology could work on a research team, helping collect and analyze data as an assistant. Someone interested in social work can spend a year working at a job search center or with an adult education program. Universities might not profit from us as much, but they are supposed to be not-for-profit anyway, right?

When they finish school some realize they don't even like their work. Having experience in your intended field might help reduce the "lost in academia" feeling many students get. It might even lead to being interested in school! Imagine that!

A year of service could also be a sort of payback for years of publicly funded schooling while also "buying" a college education. School shouldn't just be free. It has more value when worked for anyway. In exchange for service, students would receive their university tuition free and a living-expense stipend.

A service year would be a chance to work for something bigger than a shopping spree, a chance to meet new people, and bridge regions of the country and world through personal relationships. It's also a chance for our country and world to benefit more from our education.

By doing this, we would join several countries that have already seen the good it can do. Austria, Switzerland and Germany offer a service year as an alternative to mandatory military service. In Ghana, college graduates are generally required to serve their country for a year after they graduate.

Energetic and educated young people are a nation's greatest asset. As it is, our system allows us to waste those years chasing our own pursuits and not working to improve our communities. Working for those things would also better ourselves.



Shane McMillan  
Photo Editor

So Ced said...

## Scientology wants your soul, money

Rather than the standard fare of political commentary this week, I offer a story of mystery and intrigue, extortion and corruption, with a dash of negligent homicide. Today, I offer the story of the Church of Scientology. (Cue Mission Impossible theme).

Now don't get too excited; I'm not going to attack the religion of Scientology. That wouldn't be fair. I'm not going to touch the flimsy "science" that their fundamental system, Dianetics, is based on. Nor will I attack the religion's beliefs that psychology and psychiatry are Nazi pseudoscience intended to subvert the human spirit.

I'm not going to discuss founder L. Ron Hubbard's background in writing mostly science fiction, nor his admitted serious drug and alcohol abuse, even while authoring the various publications and trademarks of the Church.

I won't rip into Hubbard's "Space Opera," the story of how all problems of the human race came into being.

**\*\*Spoiler warning:** L. Ron Hubbard and the Church of Scientology have stated that if you are not spiritually "ready" to receive the following narrative, that you will die within two days' time of reading it.\*\*

This story is of how, 75 million years ago an evil galactic leader solved an overpopulation problem by drugging billions of people who opposed him and brought them to our planet, where he promptly stacked them in and

around volcanoes. Psychiatrists assisted in this process, the fiendish bastards. He then fixed the population problem with a number of hydrogen bombs; their souls – which Hubbard called Thetans – were collected and still haunt our planet, living in the bodies of modern day humans, and causing all of our earthly problems. But I won't even touch that story; it's just too easy.

People will believe what they want to believe, and it's not my place to criticize beliefs that I obviously don't understand. The believers themselves are harmless enough. But something worthy of discussion are the wrongs of the institution that is the Church of Scientology, which are too numerous to list in detail here.

Let's start with the blatant money-making setup. Did I mention that the little bedtime story told above won't be revealed to you until you've given somewhere in the neighborhood of 250-grand to the Church? Apparently that's the cost of being spiritually ready. I gave it to you for free – provided you're still alive at day three, I think that's one hell of a bargain.

The thing is, that's not how Scientology works. There is a level-by-level progression, each of which requires a substantial amount of time paying hourly to be "audited," where you reveal your most intimate secrets to a staff member, sans any agreement of confidentiality. More on that later. You also spend a good amount

of cash on professional seminars, personal development and publications to better prepare you. To continue on your way up the ladder of secrets, you have to purchase your enlightenment.

But what if you decide to leave the Church? You'd better keep your mouth shut. Remember all that private information you told them in hours of auditing? They have a file on you an inch thick. Even whisper a disparaging remark, and the loyalists will wage war on you. It's a throwback policy called "Fair Game." Hubbard stated in an executive order that enemies of the Church "may be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist."

Regrettably, I'm out of space for further elaboration on the Church of Scientology. If you're interested in more truth, google Lisa McPherson, a woman who died in neglectful custody of fellow Scientologists. Or search Project Chanology for a group dedicated to taking down the Church. Also, if you're brave (and alive) enough to seek out more information on tales like that of the Space Opera, xenu.net is a good resource.

*Cedric Jacobson is a senior in cellular and molecular biology.*



### Colleges can take action to help stop climate change

Emma Schmautz, in her opinion piece in the Montana Kaimin, "Education, not climate, should be priority" uses a paraphrased quote from me to assert that addressing climate change at the University of Montana is not important. She chose to take the quote entirely out of context, and seriously misrepresents my views on the issues as well as many public statements that I have made regarding the role of colleges in climate change.

Here is what I have said many times. American colleges and universities emit about 1.8% of US carbon emissions (carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases). If all colleges and universities became climate neutral tomorrow, the direct impact on climate would be rather small. However, the University of Montana and other campuses can play a leadership role in the climate issue because of their educational, social and community impacts.

### Letters to the Editor

Universities engaged in becoming climate neutral can educate students in emissions inventory, teach green building management and prepare students for life in the carbon-lean economy of the near future. Universities can create a social milieu in which serious discussions of how to become climate neutral supplant the tired old arguments about whether human-caused global warming is real. Universities are often the largest consumers of energy and transportation resources within their communities. Working with local governments, energy providers and mass transit authorities to reduce emissions can greatly expand the influence of the university beyond the boundaries of the campus.

We are facing catastrophic climate change that will imperil the lives and livelihoods of billions

of people and all the world's ecosystems.

Ms. Schmautz claims that the costs of climate neutrality are too high, but taking action now will be much cheaper than trying to adapt to the climate catastrophes of the next 100 years. Montana is already being affected by climate change, including stresses on forest resources and water supplies, and things will become much worse if we fail to take bold action.

Universities cannot afford engage in the kind of isolation from societal imperatives that Ms. Schmautz advocates. President George Dennison has appropriately placed the University of Montana in a leadership role among American colleges and universities. His courageous stand on climate neutrality will benefit the University, the community of Missoula and the State of Montana. Students, faculty and staff should be applauding President Dennison's commitment.

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*Kaimin is a Salish word for messages.*





Article was wrong about e-mail conversations

Mark Page’s story on Feb. 8 fundamentally misconstrues the e-mail communication between me, Ruth Vanita and Diane Sands. Since his story repeats assertions of bigotry (or “bigoted, anti-Muslim attitudes”) and identifies me, and those I e-mailed to announce Dr. Lucas’ talks, factual correction is

in order.

Professor Vanita returned from Delhi to evaluate and vote on a proposal of a new position in Islamic Studies in her academic unit, Liberal Studies. She and I corresponded, and I forwarded her letter in an e-mail to Diane Sands and several others. Ruth never “contacted Sands.” I explained this to Page. Nor did I contact Diane in her capacity as a state legislator, but one of several colleagues and friends. In fact, Sands and other legislators declined to attend the talks or to comment on them afterward.

Her e-mail was not unusual. Since there was no public

announcement of the event, and no information available, many people were trying to find out what was happening by e-mail. Campus is closed on holidays; the scheduled day, location and topics of the talks changed several times. Several people had trouble locating the room, as there were no fliers. If the visit had not been so secretive, it might not have attracted so many people in attendance.

As for the headline: Nassar, an Arab Muslim woman and Palestinian scholar, was offered a tenure track position in history. If bigotry was an issue, she would not have been offered the job. She asked that a new, permanent position be

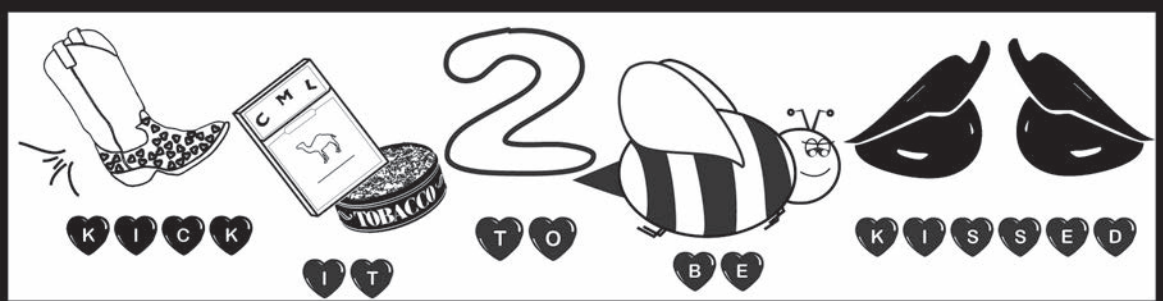
created for her husband. Liberal Studies evaluated his presentations and résumé and voted down the proposal to create a new position for him: a white, male American. So much for bigotry.

To publish about a candidate declining a position, while the offer is pending to another candidate is both old news and inappropriate. Better to publicize the talks and decline to comment on candidates until the search is over.

G.G. Weix,  
professor, Anthropology

The Kaimin invites letters to the editor and guest columns.

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## Eastern fires die down as winds slow

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Winds that fanned wildfires across parts of Virginia and the Carolinas over the weekend died down Monday, helping firefighters and National Guard troops battle remaining blazes, authorities said.

Heavy winds gusting at times to 75 mph and severe drought fueled fires on Sunday that burned thousands of acres of brush and forest, officials said. Snapping power lines were blamed in at least 18 fires, though two people were cited on suspicion of starting fires in North Carolina.

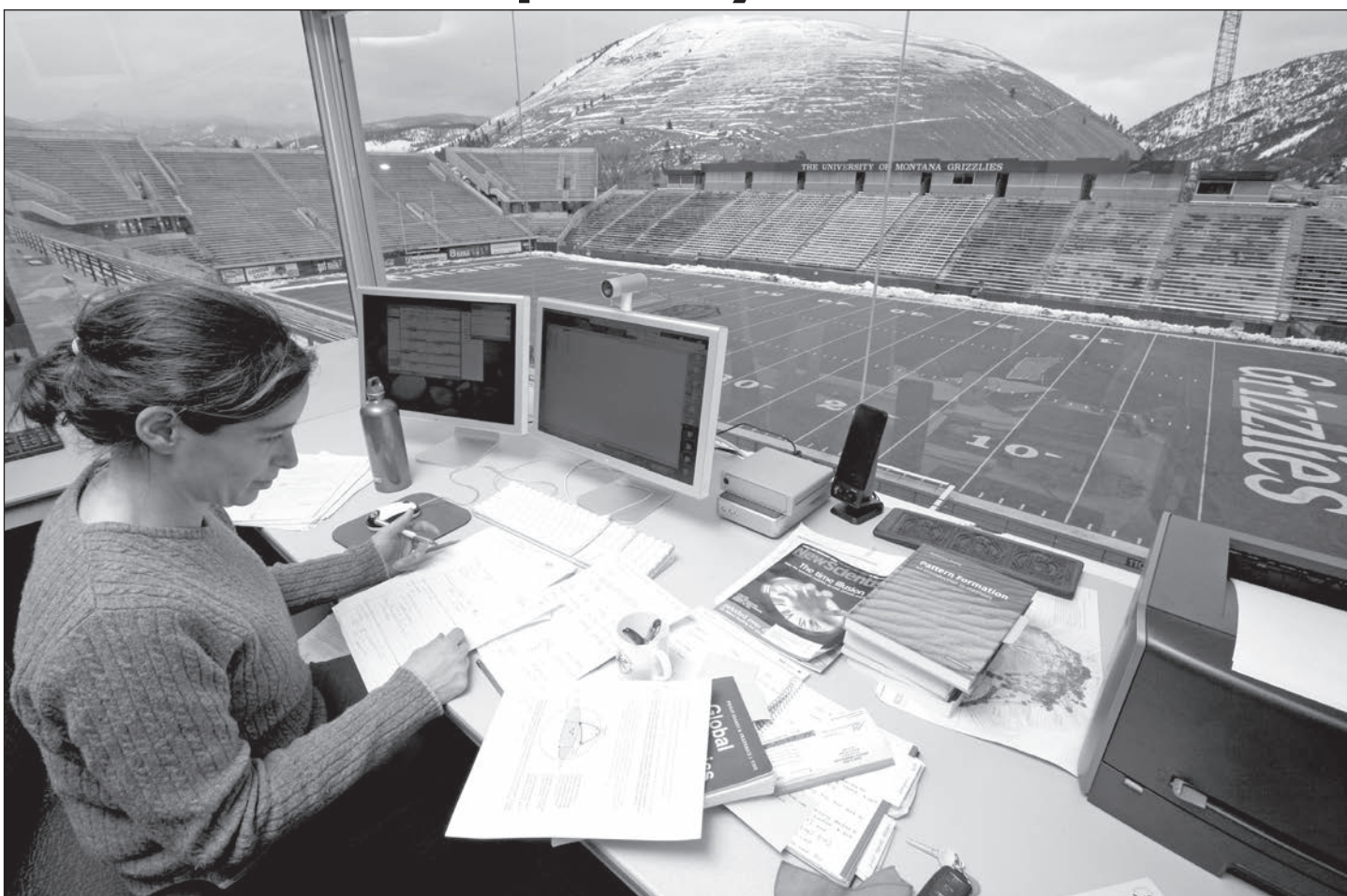
"Weather conditions are much better than what we faced yesterday," said Bob Spieldenner, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "Most fires are pretty well in hand."

Virginia's three largest blazes were in Bedford, Roanoke and Dinwiddie counties, and a fire in Louisa County has been brought under control, said John Campbell a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Forestry.

He said the weather would factor into when the blazes would be contained and declined to speculate on when firefighters would bring them under control. Rain was forecast for Tuesday.

State and local officials estimated that more than 200 wildfires burned in Virginia and that more than 300 flared up in North Carolina, consuming nearly 9,400 acres, or more than 14 square miles, in that state.

## Temporary View



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Assistant geology professor Rebecca Bendick Kier works in her temporarily office in one of the suites of Washington - Grizzly Stadium Monday afternoon. The UM Science Complex is being renovated, forcing geology professors to move their offices to the stadium until August. "It's beautiful. I wish they can let us stay," joked Bendick Kier about using the temporary offices when football season comes around the corner.

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the race until the end.

"He wants to take it as far as he can take it," Danyo said.

Paul wants to get his message out there, Danyo said. There's a groundswell in the GOP for

change, he said.

"Right now we're in the beginning phases of something amazing," Danyo said.

Before Montana's caucus, The Ron Paul Meetup Group convened weekly, but since then they've decided to cut it down to once a month and focus their efforts in a different direction, said member Cody McGrath.

The Meetup Group is pushing for more libertarians in local and state government positions, Finnegan said.

"We want to see more Ron Pauls going for Congress and the presidency," she said.

But for Ron Paul, things aren't looking good.

Montana's 25 delegates are still Romney's and Romney hasn't thrown in the towel.

"He's just evaluating where things are at," Denowh said.

Denowh said he was surprised to see Romney stop and stand still in the middle of the campaign trail, but he doesn't foresee Romney rejoining the trek for nomination.

"We'd have to see a pretty drastic shift in the race," Denowh said. "And there's not a high probability of that."

McCain has gained control of the Republican race with 723 delegates to Romney's 286.

Many people didn't expect McCain to gain such a lead since he leans in the liberal direction, said Allie Harrison, president of UM College Republicans.

"A month ago, if you raised your hand and said, 'I support McCain,' you probably would have been booed out of the room," Harrison said.

Unpredictability is one defining characteristic of this election, Harrison said. But because McCain is in the lead doesn't mean he's won the Republican ticket yet, she said. McCain still needs 468 delegates for the nomination.

Because of the unexpected changes for Republicans, Harrison isn't willing to stake a claim on any candidate yet, she said.

"I almost feel like a fool for even venturing a guess," Harrison said.

Harrison and others are thankful Montana held its caucus in February instead of June, even though the state's 25 delegates may eventually go to someone else then Romney, the candidate Montana chose, she said.

"If we waited till June, this already would have been decided," Harrison said. "We'd pretty much have one choice, John McCain. So, thank God we didn't."

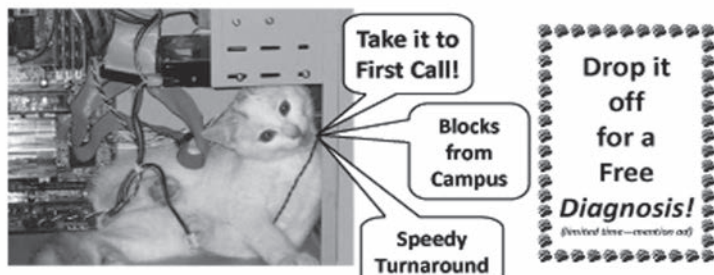
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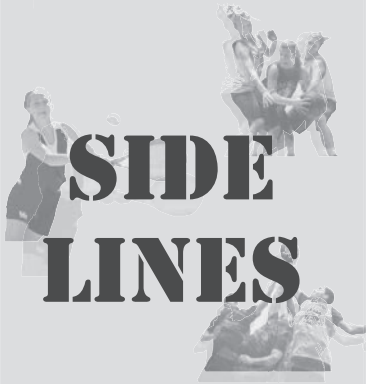
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### GRIZZLY SPORTS BRIEFS

**Lady Griz:** Montana State forced the University of Montana women’s basketball team to loosen its stranglehold on the Big Sky Conference Friday. The Cats (11-10, 6-3 BSC) upended the Lady Griz 91-87 in Bozeman, dropping Montana to 7-2 in the conference and 17-5 overall. The loss moved the Lady Griz into a statistical tie with the Idaho State Bengals, the defending conference champs, for first place. Montana State’s Rebecca Mercer led all scorers with 32 points. Mandy Morales led the Lady Griz with 24 points. Next up, the Lady Griz travel to Sacramento State for a Thursday game against the last-place Hornets.

**Track and Field:** The University of Montana indoor track and field teams had productive weekends in Pocatello, Idaho at the Mountain States Games. The teams qualified 15 athletes for the Big Sky Conference Championships. The teams also had seven individual winners at the meet. Curtis Bean won the weight throw Friday with a personal best 59 feet 7 inches. Saturday, Loni Perkins-Judisch won the 200 and 400 meters. Senior James Stanton won the shot put, junior Amber Aikens the triple jump, sophomore Kara DeWalt the 800 meters, and freshman Katrina Drennen the mile run. The championships are scheduled for Feb. 29 through March 1 in Pocatello.

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MEN’S BBALL		
School	Big Sky	All
Portland State	8-2	15-8
Weber State	7-3	12-10
Northern Arizona	7-4	15-9
Idaho State	6-4	9-14
Montana State	5-5	13-10
Montana	5-5	11-12
Northern Colorado	4-8	10-14
Eastern Washington	4-8	9-17
Sacramento State	2-9	4-18

WOMEN’S BBALL		
School	Big Sky	All
Montana	7-2	17-5
Idaho State	7-2	15-6
Portland State	7-3	17-6
Montana State	6-3	11-10
Northern Colorado	5-5	11-12
Sacramento State	4-6	6-16
Weber State	3-6	9-12
Northern Arizona	3-7	7-16
Eastern Washington	1-9	4-19

## ‘Sharp’ play carries Griz over Cats

Bill Oram  
MONTANA KAIMIN

It was Andrew Strait. And Matt Martin. It was Ryan Staudacher. Jordan Hasquet and Ceylon Elgin-Taylor, too.  
But of all the impressive performances turned in during the Montana Grizzlies’ 88-76 win over rival Montana State Saturday, Kyle Sharp’s may have been the most noteworthy.

Sharp, a junior forward, started for the first time this season in place of Brian Qvale, who twisted an ankle in practice last week. Making the most of the opportunity, Sharp finished with career highs in points (18) and minutes played (34), while shooting a perfect 7-of-7 from the field and snaring eight rebounds.  
“Coach (Wayne Tinkle) came in and said, ‘You’re going to start, but just play like you play coming off the bench,’” Sharp said. “I just wanted to come in there and play with confidence.”

It didn’t take him long to get going.  
Sharp scored seven of the Grizzlies’ first 11 points, including one of his three 3-pointers.

“When that first three went down I knew he was going to have a big night,” Tinkle said, “because sometimes when he hits shots and hits threes he plays with a little more energy.”  
While Sharp’s offensive outbreak may have taken some people by surprise, senior forward Andrew Strait wasn’t one of them.  
“We all know how talented Sharpie is, and how capable he is of playing the way he did tonight,” said Strait, who finished with 20 points and seven rebounds.

That Sharp was so effective from 3-point range was representative of the outside-shooting performance by the entire team.  
The Griz shot a marginal 4-of-11 from beyond the arc in the first half, but turned in an eye-popping 8-of-9 in the second. At one point they made eight consecutive threes.

“They shot the lights out in the second half, they were hitting everything,” Bobcat guard Casey Durham said. “We couldn’t buy a break and they definitely weren’t going to give it to us ... Every single one of their shots was just all net. They were just perfect.”

Four of Montana’s threes came courtesy of the super-sub senior, Martin, who again provided a spark off the bench, finishing with 16 points.

Ben Prez  
MONTANA KAIMIN

It came down to the wire, but the University of Montana women’s tennis team managed to hold off Northern Colorado, 4-3, Sunday morning in a home match held indoors at the former Missoula Athletic Club.  
Freshman Cara Lehman stepped up and won 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 against Luiza Xavier in the No. 6 singles position to seal the win for Montana. The match was the first



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Senior Matt Martin does a lay up as Montana State’s Brandon Johnson attempts to block during the Saturday night game at Dahlberg Arena. Martin’s four 3-pointers moved him into second all time at UM as the Griz won 88-76.

Martin was one of six Grizzlies to finish with at least ten points.  
“I don’t know the last time a Grizzly team’s done that,” Tinkle said.  
Staudacher chipped in 12 – including three threes – as did Hasquet.

Pont guard Ceylon Elgin-Taylor continued to impress, tallying 10 points and seven assists, while only committing two turnovers.  
With the win, the Grizzlies (11-12, 5-5 BSC) pulled even with the Bobcats (13-10, 5-5 BSC) for fifth place in the conference standings.

Pacing the Bobcats was guard Mecklen Davis, who posted 19 points. The Big Sky’s leading scorer, Carlos Taylor, lit up the Griz for 34 points Jan. 5 in the Bobcats’ win in Bozeman, but was held to 17 Saturday. Durham  
**See Basketball, page 6**

## Griz tennis claws back for conference win

in conference for both teams.  
“I thought we played well at every position,” coach Jen Anderson said. “Everyone stepped up and gave 100 percent effort.”  
This was the first win of the young season for the Grizzlies (1-3, 1-0) who experienced some home court advantage after losing their first three matches to Sam Houston State, Texas-El Paso and Arkansas State.  
“It was great, because it’s so tough for a freshman (Lehman) to step up and win it for us like that,” Anderson said.

Montana sophomore Danni Paulson defeated Karen Groll 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) in the No. 5 singles position to help the Grizzlies beat UNC (1-4, 0-1).  
“It took a lot for us to win this one, because both teams were so competitive,” Paulson said.  
After losing the first three singles matches of the day, Montana rallied to win the last three, with Lehman coming through in a pressure-filled sixth slot. The Grizzlies started the day by earning the doubles point when they won the last two matches after

dropping the first.  
UM junior Martyna Nowak teamed up with Paulson to win the final doubles match.  
“We knew they were going to be tough,” Nowak said. “It was a great win, and it opened up the conference, so I think it’s going to give us a lot of confidence.”  
Montana was picked to finish fourth in the conference by the coaches and Northern Colorado was picked to finish fifth.  
“Honestly, I think it could have gone either way,” Northern  
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# O'Neal winded but fine in first Suns practice

Bob Baum  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Shaquille O'Neal practiced with the Phoenix Suns for the first time Monday, showing no sign of the hip injury that has sidelined him since Jan. 21.

"It was different. It was very intense," he said after the one-hour workout. "I learned a lot. Now I can see why they can go at the pace they play at. When you just do short bursts like this, then you can save it all for the game."

Just when he will play in a game remained undecided.

"I haven't done anything in a month, but I'm in pretty good shape," O'Neal said. "It will probably take me a few more days to get in tune. The good thing about these guys here is they told me when I'm comfortable, when I'm one-thousand percent, then I can join them."

Phoenix has two games before the All-Star break — at Golden State on Wednesday night and at home against Dallas on Thursday. The first game after the break is at

home against Shaq's old team, the Los Angeles Lakers, his former coach Phil Jackson and his old teammate Kobe Bryant.

"I think it's going to take a little bit," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's going to be an adjustment for our guys and for him. It's hard to think and play basketball at the same time. Right now, he's got to think where he's going to go and all that. But it's going to be good chemistry and it's going to change things up, hopefully for the better."

D'Antoni said the Suns will "not rush him back for any reason." The coach said he will meet with O'Neal and trainer Aaron Nelson after Tuesday's practice to map out plans.

Phoenix is 2-1 since the trade last Wednesday that brought O'Neal from the Miami Heat for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks. The Suns have the conference's best record at 36-15 but only 5 1/2 games separate the top nine teams in the West.

O'Neal injured his hip diving for a loose ball against Utah on

Dec. 22. He returned Jan. 16 but was sidelined again five days later. An MRI showed inflammation in the left hip, shutting him down from all basketball activity.

In going ahead with the trade, the Suns were confident their staff would be able to get O'Neal in playing condition.

"The hip's feeling pretty good, better than it's felt in a while," O'Neal said. "I'm used to just getting injections and going back out there. They told me they have their style, and they want me to stick with it."

O'Neal said he needs to get back in basketball shape and has to be comfortable with playmaker Steve Nash in a system far different from the one used by Pat Riley in Miami.

"I'm not going to rush anything because this is already a fine-tuned machine, and any kink could throw it off," O'Neal said. "I don't want to be the negative kink. I want to step in like I've been with this team the last three years. I have to make sure that everything's right."



Eric Oravsky/ Montana Kaimin

Sophomore Jessica Souza returns the ball to her University of Northern Colorado opponents at Sunday morning's league opener for the University of Montana women's tennis team. The Grizzlies beat Northern Colorado 4-3.

## BASKETBALL

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held to 17 Saturday. Durham finished with 14.

Tinkle said the victory was the most satisfying of a tumultuous season that saw the team start 1-4

in conference play.

"I think the fact that we struggled so much early on in league, especially here at home, we really kind of validated the fact that we've hung together, we haven't thrown in the towel," Tinkle said. "And by no means are we going to rest on this ... But it's an awfully good start."

The Grizzlies play four of their remaining six games at home, including Thursday against Sacramento State.

Strait said the team has some newfound confidence after beating the rival Bobcats.

"I think this is the most momentum that we've had all year, now we've got some home games here, four of the next six or whatever," he said. "Hopefully this win can get us going a little bit, get us some momentum, some other guys stepping up. It's going to carry over."

## TENNIS

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Colorado coach Brenda Vlasak said.

In the other doubles win for Montana, sophomore Jessica Souza and freshman Rebecca Bran defeated Groll and Hannah

LaForest, 8-2. The strong performances by the younger team members could prove to be key as the season continues.

"Their players work together pretty well, and they'll be a competitive team this year," Vlasak said.

The Grizzlies have a difficult season ahead of them with a long road stretch of matches. They don't play at home again until March 29 when they face preseason No. 1 Sacramento State.

"These first matches are like practices for us, except they count for our record," Anderson said.

She said that the biggest challenge thus far has been keeping everyone healthy. Junior Liz Walker is nursing a sore shoulder, while Paulson is still coming back from foot surgery in the fall. Aside from that, freshman Amanda Bran has a broken arm.

Up next for Montana is an away match against Minnesota on Friday. Although the schedule appears tough for the Griz, they are doing their part to be ready for the challenge, Souza said.

"We've been practicing extra hard this year," she said. "We've been running every day, which we never used to do, so we can really work on reaching our goals every day."


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## CLIMBING

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Intermediate climber Evan Zeiger couldn't have been happier having bouldered at the competition.

"I really did like having it there because it's really a different type of climbing," he said. "Even though it was a competition, everybody was cheering each other on."

Zeiger said that while the boulder problems were tougher than the roped routes, the atmosphere of the bouldering cave was great.

"I really did enjoy climbing in there with everybody," he said.

The competition was geared toward all levels of climbers, with beginner, intermediate and advanced categories and routes to match, said route-setter Dean Towarnicki.

Towarnicki was setting the final route at 9:30 Sunday morning, half an hour before the competition started.

"I think I set seven routes or so," he said. "I've been here for many hours the last couple of days."

Towarnicki used to set routes for the Missoula Rock Garden before it went out of business in January, and volunteered his services for the competition on campus.

In all, volunteers and climbing wall employees set 30 new top-rope routes and 34 new boulder problems for the competition.

Outdoor Pursuits director Elizabeth Fricke said it took 10 people about 24 hours each to strip the 3,000 holds from walls, scrub them and put them back up in routes and problems that would challenge the competitors.

"I'm like blown away to see how hard people worked to make something like this happen," she said.

The competition cost \$22 for students and \$28 for non-students.

Rock wall employee Mandela van Eeden said that the fees collected from the 40 competitors all went to cover the man-hours needed for setting up the competition.

At the award ceremony, almost every climber got a prize ranging from a bag of chalk that retails for \$8 to a climbing rope that costs more than \$150. The companies that made the prizes donated all of them.

Organized climbing didn't end with the competition. The climbing club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Monday nights at the campus climbing wall.

## Huckabee defies calls to end presidential nomination bid

Tom Raum

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Against overwhelming odds, Mike Huckabee keeps brushing off calls to drop his presidential bid for the good of the Republican Party.

The former Arkansas governor and ordained Baptist minister is following in the footsteps of past spoilers such as Republican Ronald Reagan in 1976 and Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in 1980, who both pressed uphill primary challenges to the limits.

Some GOP sages suggest it's hard to quit while you're still winning races, as Huckabee is doing, despite the mathematical reality of the delegate count. But then Huckabee likes to brag that he "didn't major in math, I majored in miracles," and he asserted anew on Monday his intention to stay in the race.

In those earlier challenges, the front-runners were sitting presidents. Both President Ford in 1976 and President Carter in 1980

went on to lose their re-election bids, clearly weakened by the divisive primaries.

This time there is no incumbent, but Sen. John McCain has a commanding lead. Some Republicans suggest Huckabee's insistence on staying in the race could hinder the party's ability to unify behind the front-runner.

President Bush over the weekend praised McCain as a "true conservative," although he suggested the Arizona senator still needed to mend more fences with conservatives, many of whom remain distrustful of him, especially on the issue of immigration. Jeb Bush, the president's brother and former Florida governor, endorsed McCain on Monday.

For his part, Huckabee was unbowed on the eve of contests in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, saying "I still could win. ... Nobody thought the Giants were going to win the Super Bowl, either." Huckabee also picked up the endorsement of one-time rival

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif.

Huckabee says he'll drop out if he's mathematically eliminated — in other words, once McCain racks up the needed 1,191 delegates.

But that probably can't happen until April 22, when Pennsylvania votes.

For practical purposes, McCain already appears beyond Huckabee's reach. According to the latest count by The Associated Press, McCain had 729 delegates to Huckabee's 241 delegates. One factor keeping McCain from claiming a majority sooner is that Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has yet to release his 288 delegates.

Still, McCain suffered embarrassing losses to Huckabee in Louisiana and Kansas this past weekend — and a narrow win in Washington state that is being contested by the Huckabee campaign.

Other major challengers have dropped out. Romney suspended campaigning last week "for our party and our country," saying

to stay in would only strengthen whichever Democrat gets the nomination — either Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton or Sen. Barack Obama.

Huckabee makes no such argument. He says most of those clamoring for him to drop out are McCain backers.

Asked whether Huckabee risks overplaying his hand, his campaign chairman, Ed Rollins said he didn't think so.

"I think he's made it very clear that until either he or McCain have 1,191 delegates, he's going to stay in this thing. We always wanted to get it down to one-on-one," Rollins said Monday. "This is what he wants to do. Getting Romney out of the race obviously eliminates a guy who had an advantage with money."

Huckabee and McCain "respect each other. They're both men of integrity," Rollins said. "Tomorrow is a big day. We'll keep going as long as we can."

Texas Rep. Ron Paul also remains in the race.

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